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Organization /See Enclosure (A)/

1. [redacted] the 2d platoon, 8th Co, 3d Bn 117th Rifle Regt, 39th Gds Rifle Div, [redacted] was composed of the following personnel:

- 1 squad leader (NCO) armed with a PPSH SMG
- 1 assistant squad leader (pvt or pfc) armed with a DP LMG
- 2 automatic riflemen (pvts) armed with PPSH SMGs
- 1 rifleman (pvt) armed with a carbine
- 1 rifleman (pvt) armed with a carbine and an At rifle
- 1 sniper armed with a rifle equipped with telescopic sights

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[redacted] platoon was made up of three squads with one officer as platoon leader and one NCO as assistant platoon leader; 1 e one officer and 22 enlisted men. Three rifle platoons and one heavy machine gun platoon with six enlisted men, three for each of the two MGs, formed the rifle company. A company, including its headquarters and all four platoons, contained five officers and 80 enlisted men. A rifle battalion was formed of three rifle companies, numbered consecutively; e g, the 117th Gds Rifle Regt contained the 1st, 2d and 3d Bns - the 1st battalion contained companies 1, 2, and 3; the 2d battalion contained companies 4, 5, and 6; and the 3d battalion contained companies 7, 8, and 9. In addition, each rifle battalion contained a machine gun company and a mortar company. The machine gun company of the battalion was divided into six sections of four men; 1 e, a section leader, usually a sergeant, and three soldiers. The three soldiers acted as the MG crew: No. 1 was the gunner, No. 2 guided the ammunition belt, and No. 3 was the ammunition bearer. Altogether, the MG Co had 24 men, plus the company headquarters. The mortar company of the battalion was divided into a headquarters and five sections of five men each; 1 e, a section leader, usually an NCO, and a mortar crew of four soldiers. No. 1 fired the mortar. No. 2 aimed the mortar, No. 3 armed the shells and No. 4 acted as the ammunition bearer. The mortar company had 25 enlisted men. The 117th Gds Rifle Regt contained a headquarters, three rifle battalions, a battery of three SP guns, [redacted] a reconnaissance company, and service units consisting of an NCO school, an engineer company and three signal platoons; 1 e one for each rifle battalion of the regiment. The total strength of the 117th Gds Rifle Regt was about 89 officers and 1500-1700 enlisted men.

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[redacted]

Rifle Div consisted of eight regiments, of which I can identify the 112th Gds Rifle Regt, the 117th Gds Rifle Regt, the 120th Gds Rifle Regt, the 87th Arty Regt, and a tank regiment. [redacted] there are eight regiments in the division [redacted]

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#### Weapons and Equipment /See Enclosure (B)/

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[redacted] a machine gunner [redacted]

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[redacted] was issued the following equipment:

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- (a) 1 steel helmet  
 1 entrenching tool  
 1 gas mask  
 1 knapsack  
 1 set of eating utensils (meat can, knife, fork, canteen)  
 1 blanket  
 1 pair of boots (issued one pair per year)  
 2 sets of underwear (issued clean each 10 days)  
 2 complete uniforms (two uniforms issued each year)  
 1 summer cap  
 1 winter cap

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(b) The T/E of a rifle squad was as follows:

1 sniper rifle - 7.62mm  
 1 AT rifle - 7.62mm  
 2 carbines - 7.62mm  
 3 PPSH SMGs - 7.62mm  
 1 DP LMG - 7.62mm

The T/E of a rifle platoon was as follows:

3 sniper rifles - 7.62mm  
 3 DP LMGs - 7.62mm  
 6 carbines - 7.62mm  
 9 PPSH SMGs - 7.62mm  
 3 AT rifles  
 2 82-mm mortars

Each platoon had two 82-mm mortars but nobody was assigned to the mortars in my platoon. The mortars were used for training. Each rifle platoon had 4000 carbine cartridges, 3000 MG cartridges on hand; and three AT grenades, three hand grenades and three cast iron fragmentation hand grenades for each enlisted man. In case of emergency each enlisted man was given 60 carbine cartridges or two 70-round magazines of SMG ammunition.

The T/E of a rifle company was as follows:

2 Goryunov 7.62 mm HMGs  
 9 DP 7.62 mm LMGs  
 9 sniper rifles 7.62 mm  
 25 carbines, 7.62 mm  
 30 SMGs, PPSH 7.62 mm  
 5 TT pistols for officers  
 9 AT rifles  
 6 82 mm mortars  
 4 3-ton trucks  
 3 1-ton trucks (one for each platoon)  
 12000 rifle cartridges  
 10000 SMG cartridges

Only the company commander and the political officer were permitted to use the vehicles. Political officers were attached to each company under a new policy initiated in 1951.

The approximate T/E of a rifle battalion was as follows:

20 TT pistols  
 100 carbines - 7.62mm  
 27 sniper rifles - 7.62mm  
 100 PPSH SMGs - 7.62mm  
 27 DP LMGs - 7.62mm  
 27 AT rifles  
 23 82-mm mortars  
 12 Goryunov HMGs - 7.62mm  
 40000 rifle cartridges  
 35000 MG cartridges

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- (c) LMG crews were composed of two men i e, the gunner and the ammunition bearer. The RPD gun weighed eight kg and was carried by the gunner. The ammunition bearer normally carried four magazines each of 47 rounds. Additional ammunition was carried on the platoon vehicle.

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#### Unit Supply and Maintenance

3. Each border guard was issued two grenades and either 140 rounds of SMG ammunition or 60 rounds of carbine ammunition. There were no special inspections or clothing and equipment inspections; the squad NCO checked the weapons of the EM before they went on duty. there were checks on uniforms, weapons and equipment by the first sergeant at morning inspection. On Saturday, company officers inspected clothing, equipment and weapons from 1200 to 1600 hours. The daily menu included 800 grams of bread in summer, and 900 grams of bread in winter. ate the following items:

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Breakfast - barley porridge, tea  
Dinner - borscht, macaroni or potatoes, 50 grams of meat or fish

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Supper - porridge, herring, tea

4. Each platoon stationed on the border had one truck, and a sedan for the platoon commander.

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the gasoline allotment for the truck was 120 kg per year.

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5. supply and maintenance.

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- (b) The 117th Gds Rifle Regt sent out a regimental truck with vegetables for the border guard units twice each month but bread and meat were delivered to the border guard units from the regiment every third day.

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- (d) I have no knowledge of supply points for companies or higher units.
  - (e) I can give no information on the methods of moving supply points or repair units in the field.
  - (f) I cannot state what limitations are placed on the expenditure of ammunition or fuel, or the use of vehicles.
6. In Plauen, the winter quarters for the 112th Gds Rifle Regt and in Ohrdruf, the summer quarters, most vehicles were stored on blocks with full gas tanks and in good condition. In case of an alert, the only thing necessary was to fill the radiators with water. [ ] the vehicles could be rolled from the blocks in less than 30 minutes, and that it would take another 30 minutes to load the men, ammunition, equipment, etc, preparatory to moving out.

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Enclosure (A) Organization Chart of the 39th Gds Rifle Div  
? Corps, 8th Gds Army

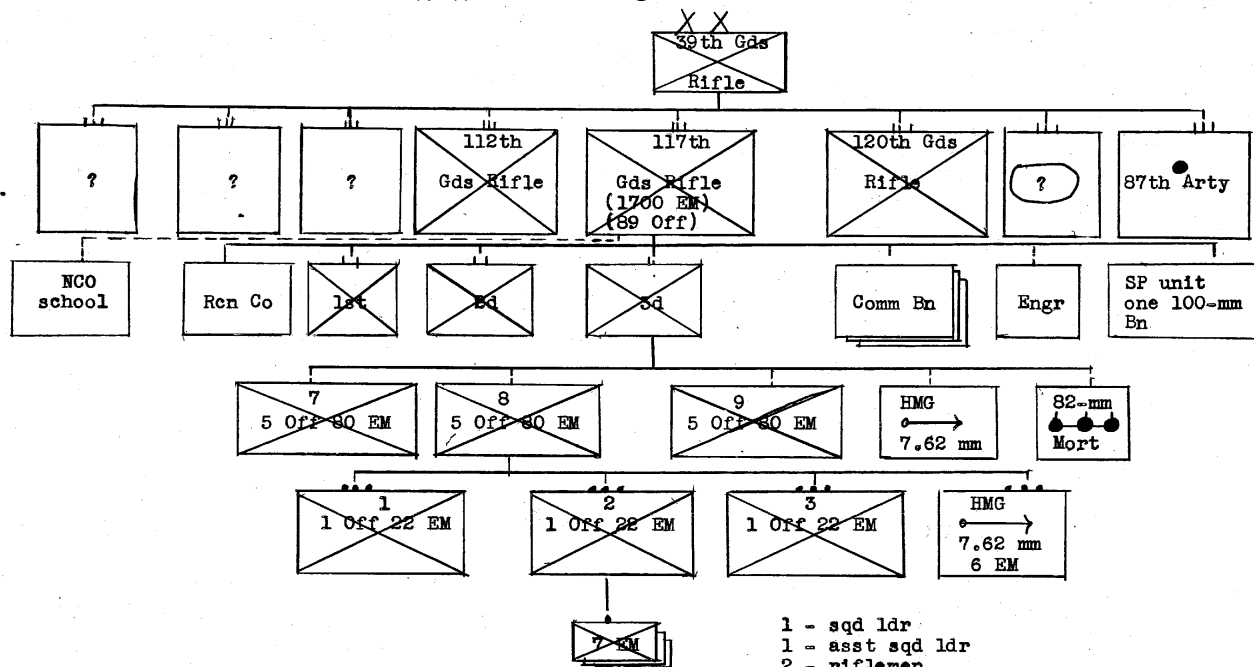
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Strengths are as source recalls them at the time of his desertion - June 1951

- 1 - sqd ldr
- 1 - asst sqd ldr
- 2 - riflemen
- 2 - automatic riflemen (PPSh SMG)
- 1 - sniper

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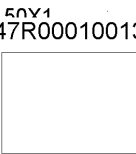
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Table of Equipment, 117th Gds Rifle Regt, 39th Gds Rifle Div

Legend	Rifle, 7.62 mm	Carbine, 7.62 mm, M 1944*	PPSh SMG M1941, 7.62 mm	Tokarev pistol 7.62 mm	Degtyarev AT Rifle, M1941 14.5 mm**	RPD LMG, 7.62 mm	Goryunov HMG, 7.62 mm	Nagant sniper rifle***	Howitzer	Mortar, 82-mm, M1941****	SP guns 100-mm	1/2 ton truck	3 ton ZIS truck (or Studebaker or Chevrolet)
actual figures are separated from T/E figures by a diagonal													
? indicates that source does not know													
Rifle sqd	0 ?	2 -	3 3	0 1	1 ?	1 1	0 0	1 1					
Rifle plat	0 ?	10 ?	10 ?	1 4	3 ?	3 3	0 0	1 1		2 ?		1 1	
MG plat	0 ?	2 ?	2 ?	0 ?	0 ?	0 ?	2 2	1 ?				1 1	
Rifle Co	0 ?	30 ?	32 ?	5 ?	9 ?	9 ?	2 ?	3 3		6 ?			
Co TOTAL	0 ?	30 ?	32 ?	5 ?	9 ?	9 ?	2 ?	3 3		6 ?		3 ?	4 ?
Mortar Company	?	?	?	7 ?	0 ?	0 0	0 0	0 ?		5 ?		0 0	3 ?
SP unit	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?		?	3 ?	?	3 ?
Rcn Co	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?		?	?	?	?
Rifle Bn	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	2 ?		?	?	?	?
Comm plat	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?		?	?	?	?
Engr Co	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?		?	?	?	?
Arty Regt	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?		?	?	?	?
Tk Regt	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?		?	?	?	?
Rifle Regt	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?		?	?	?	?
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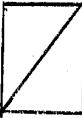

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
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 \*SMGs were issued in lieu of carbines  
\*\*Soldier armed with the AT rifle also carried a carbine  
\*\*\*One sniper rifle per plat: 

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 the 82-mm mortars are being placed  
in the rifle platoons.  unit had no personnel  
assigned to the mortars, but the mortars were  
used for training. 7

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